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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a), it is respectfully requested that the period for reply be extended two additional months, i.e., a full three months to up to and including October 24, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the balance of the fee for a three month extension (a one month extension was previously obtained), for a small entity, or any additional fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, prior to issuance of any paper other than a Notice of Allowance, an interview, is respectfully requested, with the Examiner and SPE Thurman Page and Practice Specialist George Elliot; and, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner for such an interview. Again, Practice Specialist Elliot and SPE Page are thanked for the many courtesies extended.

CONCLUSION

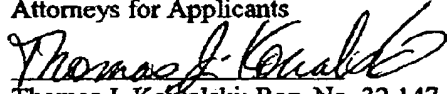
In view of the amendments and remarks herewith, Applicants have addressed and overcome all of rejections of the application set forth in the Office Action, and the present application is in condition for allowance.

Thus, early and favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application as set forth in the Office Action, and, prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance of claim 15, or an interview with supervisory review, i.e., an interview including Practice Specialist George Elliot and SPE Thurman Page, at an early date, with a view towards reaching agreement on allowable subject matter, are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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